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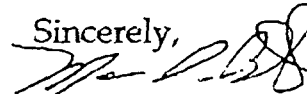
Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was happy to hear of the recent settlement regarding the Microsoft antitrust suit. During these times of recession, it is important to allow our industry to continue to develop. Holding the IT sector back, by dragging out the negotiation process, can only hold back our technology industry. Let us allow the IT sector to get back to business.

Not only do the terms of this agreement promote the competitive process, but they also open up avenues of development on both sides of the fence. Although Microsoft has made an overwhelming number of concessions, they are still able to prosper somewhat. The other software manufacturers have been given many new options with regard to licensing, marketing and new avenues in running non-Microsoft software. All parties involved are ready to move forward and get back to business. By thwarting this process, we only hold up the advancement of the IT sector and our economy in general.

Let us help our economy move forward by supporting our IT sector. The competitive market is a global one, and we need to work together to keep our piece of the pie. Help us to move this settlement along, by making sure that no more action is taken against it. I thank you for your help

Sincerely,

Maria Brito